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report containing
information on Soviet and East German military movements and
activities in Thuringen and Halle. The report gives
information on observations of training activities, military
equipment and the loading and unloading of such equipment
which was observed at railway stations.

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Soviet and E.G.A. Movements in THÜRINGEN and HALLE

(26 June - 14 July 58)

1. 26/27 June

Soviet and E.G.A. infantry were carrying out joint exercises between DERKA and LAUTERBACH.

2. 27 June

a) GOtha Railway Station

1 x factory new amphibious tank was off-loaded by Soviet personnel.

b) Between SCHWADHAUSEN and GOtha

8 x T-34s and Howitzers from OHDRUF were being used by Soviet troops for training.

3. 30 June

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a) OHDRUF Town

No activity of interest.

b) SCHWADHAUSEN

E.G.A. infantry troops were observed going from the direction of ERFURT to OHDRUF training area.

4. Last days of June 1958

E.G.A. troops were carrying out training with AFVs, armoured reconnaissance vehicles and light artillery on the LENGEFELDERWART between MÜHLHAUSEN and DINGELSTADT.

5. 2 July

a) GOtha

No activity of interest.

b) OHDRUF Town

No activity of interest.

c) OHDRUF Railway Station

for an unknown destination. The crates were of the following description; unpainted wood, approximate dimensions 100 x 60 x 30 cm. Two men were needed to lift each crate.

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6. 8 Julya) WEIMAR

Soviet infantry troops were seen carrying out training in the
 ETTERSBERGER CHAUSSE KASERNE BS8503.

b) NOHRA AIRFIELD near WEIMAR

Several helicopters were observed on the airfield. A considerable
 number of Soviet army officers arrived by train and proceeded by car
 to the barracks adjoining the airfield.

7. 8/9 July

HALLE 1800 - 1900 hours.

5 x 4-axled low loaders towed by tracked prime movers passed along the
 road outside the WORMLITZER KASERNE which they later entered. These
 low loaders were being towed by Soviet personnel. They were without
 loads and had no additional equipment in the way of centrally placed
 loading channels etc.

8. 10 July

a) The radar array temporarily set up near the WALTERHAUSER Strasse barracks
 has now been re-erected at the radar array to the west of GOTHA, 25X1

b)

9. 14 July

a) 0400 - 0500 hours.

E.G.A. troops with T-34s and armoured reconnaissance vehicles were
 exercising at MINDEBERG.

b) KINDELCAMP

Soviet and East German troops were engaged in joint training. Soviet
 troops now at KINDELCAMP are quartered in hutments and E.G.A. troops
 are now under canvas. These troops have been there since late June.
 The following were observed:

18 x T-34 tanks (Soviet)

8 x 85 mm A/A guns (Soviet) in earthwork
 emplacements.

c) KINDEL AIRFIELD

No signs of activity and no aircraft.

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